

# TUCSON BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES

(For those who persistently claim we don't have any)

1. You must have at least five players in the gym at game time in order to start the game. There must be at least five people who have played on your team at least once before. Therefore, you can't walk in the gym with four guys and say, "Uh, that guy in the stands, he's on our team." No, he isn't. However, if you have five guys who have played on your team before, you *can* add that guy. (Note to all you smart-asses and lawyers: This obviously doesn't apply to the first game of the season, in which you simply need five people who are breathing.)

2. You can add players as the season goes along, but they can only begin playing if you have the aforementioned five players, as well. Under extreme circumstances, allowances can be made if you call me in advance. You cannot add new players for the playoffs.

3. IF YOU FIGHT OR EVEN THREATEN TO FIGHT, YOU ARE OUT OF THE LEAGUE **FOREVER!!** AND THIS IS NOT THE NBA WHERE LIFETIME MEANS A YEAR OR TWO. IT MEANS FOREVER.

4. We also reserve the right to get rid of people just for being jerks. And "jerk" is like what the Supreme Court said about obscenity: We can't define it, but we know it when we see it.

5. We have lots of games without a break, so get here on time. If your team is not in the gym, ready to go by 10 minutes after the hour, it is a forfeit. We will enforce this rule. If you forfeit twice, your team will not be in the playoffs and you won't be in the next league. The other team may suffer a bit, but we will weed out the latecomers and it will make for a better league overall.

6. CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES, YOU PIGS! DIDN'T YOUR MAMAS RAISE YOU RIGHT? If your team leaves anything by the bench after the game is over, your next game will be forfeited. If the problem persists, your whole team falls into that aforementioned "jerk" category.

7. NO FOOD IN THE GYM. While you may find it hypocritical for the refs and scorers to eat, we're here for 12 hours on Sunday and can't get away. If you want to stay after until 9:00 and help us clean up, you can eat. Otherwise, tough it out for an hour. And that goes for your fans and honeys.

8. Teams must wear shirts that are at least CLOSE to being the same color. I don't want teams that are wearing red, blue, black and green and then saying, "We're dark!" And grey doesn't count as light OR dark unless you all have grey shirts. And Dan can't go skins. Ever.

9. Have fun. Play hard. Don't whine.